

Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(January 2016)

State Inventory Number: 44-00251 New Supplemental

9-Digit SHPO Review & Compliance (R&C) Number: _____

Non-extant Year: _____

Read the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions carefully, to ensure accuracy and completeness before completing this form. The instructions are available on our website.

• **Property Name**

A) Historic name: Dyall Building

B) Other names: 2023 downtown survey # DT-079

• **Location**

A) Street address: 121-123 N. Main St

B) City or town: Mount Pleasant (Vicinity) County: Henry

C) Legal description:

Rural: Township Name: _____ Township No.: _____ Range No.: _____ Section: _____ Quarter: _____ of Quarter: _____

Urban: Subdivision: Original Block(s): 7 Lot(s): Lot 6 - N 20.5'

• **Classification**

A) Property category: *Check only one*

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

B) Number of resources (within property):

<i>If eligible property, enter number of:</i>		<i>If non-eligible property, enter number of:</i>	
Contributing	Noncontributing		
<u>1</u>	Buildings	<u>—</u>	Buildings
<u>—</u>	Sites	<u>—</u>	Sites
<u>—</u>	Structures	<u>—</u>	Structures
<u>—</u>	Objects	<u>—</u>	Objects
<u>1</u>	Total	<u>—</u>	Total

C) For properties listed in the National Register:

National Register status: Listed De-listed NHL NPS DOE

D) For properties within a historic district:

- Property contributes to a National Register or local certified historic district.
- Property contributes to a potential historic district, based on professional historic/architectural survey and evaluation.
- Property *does not* contribute to the historic district in which it is located.

Historic district name: Mt Pleasant Downtown Historic District Historic district site inventory number: 44-02280

E) Name of related project report or multiple property study, if applicable:

MPD title Intensive Level Historical and Architectural Survey of Downtown Mt Pleasant, Iowa Historical Architectural Data Base # HADB-02986

• **Function or Use** *Enter categories (codes and terms) from the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions*

A) Historic functions

02E07: COMMERCE/TRADE / photographer

02B04: COMMERCE/TRADE / insurance office

B) Current functions

70: Vacant

• **Description** *Enter categories (codes and terms) from the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions*

A) Architectural classification

09F05: Commercial / brick front

B) Materials

Foundation (visible exterior): 04C: Limestone

Walls (visible exterior): 03: Brick

Roof: 15C: Rubber

Other: _____

C) Narrative description *SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED*

Site Number: 44-00251 Address: 121-123 N. Main St City: Mt Pleasant County: IA District Number: 44-02280

• **Statement of Significance**

A) Applicable National Register Criteria: *Mark your opinion of eligibility after applying relevant National Register criteria*

- Criterion A: Property is associated with significant events. Yes No More research recommended
Criterion B: Property is associated with the lives of significant persons. Yes No More research recommended
Criterion C: Property has distinctive architectural characteristics. Yes No More research recommended
Criterion D: Property yields significant information in archaeology/history. Yes No More research recommended

B) Special criteria considerations: *Mark any special considerations; leave blank if none*

- A: Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes. E: A reconstructed building, object, or structure.
 B: Removed from its original location. F: A commemorative property.
 C: A birthplace or grave. G: Property less than 50 years of age or
 D: A cemetery achieved significance within the past 50 years.

C) Areas of significance

Enter categories from instructions

05: Commerce

02: Architecture

D) Period(s) of significance

E) Significant dates

Construction date

1894 *check if circa or estimated date*

Other dates, including renovations

1965

F) Significant person

Complete if Criterion B is marked above

G) Cultural affiliation

Complete if Criterion D is marked above

H) Architect/Builder

Architect

Builder/contractor

I) Narrative statement of significance **SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED**

• **Bibliography** *See continuation sheets for the list research sources used in preparing this form*

• **Geographic Data** *Optional UTM references* *See continuation sheet for additional UTM or comments*

Zone	Easting	Northing	NAD	Zone	Easting	Northing	NAD
1				2			
3				4			

• **Form Preparation**

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• **ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION** *Submit the following items with the completed form*

A) For all properties, attach the following, as specified in the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions:

- 1. Map** of property's location within the community.
- 2. Glossy color 4x6 photos labeled** on back with property/building name, address, date taken, view shown, and unique photo number.
- 3. Photo key showing each photo number on a map and/or floor plan, using arrows next to each photo number to indicate the location and directional view of each photograph.**
- 4. Site plan** of buildings/structures on site, identifying boundaries, public roads, and building/structure footprints.

B) For State Historic Tax Credit Part 1 Applications, historic districts and farmsteads, and barns:

See lists of special requirements and attachments in the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions.

State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Use Only Below This Line

The SHPO has reviewed the Site Inventory and concurs with above survey opinion on National Register eligibility:

- Yes No More research recommended
 This is a locally designated property or part of a locally designated district.

Comments: _____

SHPO authorized signature: _____ Date: _____

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7. Narrative Description

This is a two-story brick building that was constructed in 1894, with a significant façade remodel in 1965. The current appearance of the building thus reflects this later period, and the building has historic integrity from this period. The building has two storefronts on the first story, each recessed from the face of the building. Each storefront has a glass/aluminum door at the outer edge, with two large aluminum windows with brick bulkheads towards the middle. A wide column divides the two spaces. The second story has two one-over-one-light double-hung windows on each half. Though they have replacement vinyl windows, they reflect the size/style of the windows installed in 1965. Stacked brick are noted between the windows, the only “stylistic” detail on the building. Shutters originally on the building (part of the “colonial” appearance) have been removed. The remainder of the brick façade lacks any decorative detail, as typical for the façade remodels in downtown Mt Pleasant in the 1960s.

The rear elevation retains segmental arch window openings on the second story, which also have replacement vinyl sashes. Two rear entries are located in the center of the second story, providing access to the apartments on the upper level. The north half of the building has a one-story brick addition, with wood stairs to the roof of the addition to access the apartment entries. The south half of the building has a one-story brick addition and then an additional one-story concrete block addition.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Dyall Building appears to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing building within the potential Mount Pleasant Downtown Historic District. The building contributes to the historic commercial character of the downtown, and it reflects the period of downtown development in the 1960s with a number of façade remodels of earlier buildings. The building retains a high level of integrity from this period. The building was home to Dyall’s Studio for many years, as well as other businesses in the other storefront. The building retains sufficient integrity to convey its significance as a historic commercial building in a historic district.

Based on research and evaluation conducted to date, the Dyall Building appears to be potentially individually eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The façade remodel in 1965 reflects this period of development in downtown Mt Pleasant, and it retains a high level of integrity from this period. A photography studio operated by C. Herbert Dyall, then Charles Dyall, and then Hope Dyall Scarff operated in this building for over 100 years from 1895 to 2011. Further research and assessment of the interior features and modifications would be required for a full evaluation of the individual eligibility of the building.

Developmental history of property

This two-story brick commercial building was constructed in 1894, with a façade remodel in 1965.

In the 1860s, C. M. Snyder owned the N ¾ of Lot 6 in Block 7. He built a two-story brick building on the south third of his property around 1867, and he built a side-gable frame house on the north two-thirds. Both buildings appear on the 1869 birds-eye view of Mt Pleasant. The 1886 Sanborn map shows his

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frame dwelling, 2-story in the front and 1-story in the back. It was known as the Chastine Snyder residence (*Free Press*, July 13, 1893, p. 3). On March 1, 1890, J. C. Harbin and wife transferred the N½ of Lot 6 in Block 7 to Emma A. H. Scott (their daughter). The 1892 Sanborn map shows the same frame dwelling, which is labeled as “Eye Institute.”

On May 9, 1893, E.A.H. and W.R. Scott sold the N½ of Lot 6 in Block 7 to G. C. Smith and E. G. Linn, two Mount Pleasant physicians who were in partnership as doctors. The *Free Press* reported on July 13, 1893 that “Drs. Smith & Linn have purchased the Chastine Snyder residence on North Main street purposing to reconstruct it for office purposes” (July 13, 1893, p. 3). On October 22, 1894, Smith and Linn purchased the S 1’ of the N 41’ of Lot 6 from Henrietta Snyder (widow of C. M. Snyder) bringing their property holdings to the N 41’ of Lot 6. On November 29, 1894, the *Free Press* reported, “The two business houses on North Main being built by Drs. Smith & Linn are progressing rapidly. The second stories show large, handsome bow windows with give the street a decided big city air” (p. 3). The *Mt Pleasant Daily News* reported on January 28, 1895, that the Drs. Smith & Linn would be moving into the building, along with Miss Bone’s dress making establishment on the second floor. Dyall’s studio would be on the first floor, with one room on the ground floor still for rent (p. 4). Smith & Linn moved into their new quarters in March (*Mt Pleasant Daily News*, March 15, 1895, p. 4), and in April, the Dyall photography studio moved to the north side of the ground floor of “Smith’s new building next to the Presbyterian Church” (*Mt Pleasant Journal*, April 18, 1895, p. 3). In May, F. S. Pyle & Co, Drug Store opened on the south side of the first floor (*Mt Pleasant Daily News*, May 3, 1895, p. 1). A historic photo of the building shows F. S. Pyle & Co, Druggists on the south side and Dyall’s Studio on the north, with a door between the two businesses that led to the second floor. There are bow windows on each side. In 1896, Thorvald. O. Thorson, tailor, moved to Smith and Linn’s building, over Pyle’s drug store (*Mt Pleasant Journal*, May 21, 1896, p. 3).

On January 26, 1898, Geo. E. Smith et. al. sold the N 41’ of Lot 6 to E. G. Titus, trustee. On May 6, 1898, E. G. Titus, trustee, sold the N 41’ of Lot 6 to Inez I. Cole. Meanwhile, Smith and Linn began work on a new building directly across the street on the east side of North Main (*Free Press*, October 13, 1898, p. 8). In February 1899, the Pyle drug store moved across the street to the new Smith & Linn building (*Free Press*, February 23, 1899, p. 8). Drs. Smith & Linn moved to their new building in March (*Mt Pleasant Journal*, March 9, 1899, p. 5) and tailor T. O. Thorson followed (*Evening Journal*, March 24, 1899, p. 3). Thereafter, the building on the west side was referred to as the old Smith & Linn building. Dyall’s Studio remained on the first floor, north side. At this time, the photography studio included both brothers, Will Dyall and C. Herbert Dyall.

The 1899 Sanborn map shows a 2-story brick building with a short, 1-story brick section across the back, divided into two storefronts. The usage in the north half is Photo and in the south half, Tailor. The building has the general address of 127 N. Main St on the map, but used the address of 119-121 N. Main in other sources. In March, Andrews and Bowman, real estate agents, moved into “the front room over Dyall’s Studios, formerly occupied by Drs. Smith and Linn” (*Evening Journal*, March 25, 1899, p. 4). A notice for Andrews & Bowman, real estate and loan agents, in Oct gave their address as old Smith & Linn building, downstairs, so apparently, they moved from over Dyall’s studio into the room vacated by Pyle drug.

In May 1899, Dr. William R. Gray moved his office and residence to 119½ North Main, upstairs on the south side. Letters that Dr. Gray wrote from Fairhaven, WA (now Bellingham, WA) to his fiancé, Anna Kurtz in Mount Pleasant, became the basis for the book *My Darling Anna: Letters from Fairhaven 1890:*

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The Life, Love & Legacy of W. R. Gray, Pioneer Physician (Knox Cellars Publishing Co., Bellingham WA, 2009). Dr. Gray and family remained upstairs at 119½ N Main until the summer of 1901. *The Mt Pleasant News* reported that Dr. Gray and his family left for Fairhaven, WA (July 18, 1901, p. 3). In October, the *Mt Pleasant Journal* reported that Dr. Gilfillan of Trenton was moving to the old Smith and Linn building, to the rooms formerly occupied by Dr. Gray (October 1, 1901, p. 3).

On Apr 5, 1902, C.H. Dyall, who had been renting the first floor on the north side for the photography studio, purchased the S 20½' of N 41' of Lot 6 from Inez Cole for \$2,900. In 1901, the brothers opened separate photography studios, with Will Dyall moving to a location on the block to the north and C. Herbert Dyall remaining in this location. The *Mt Pleasant Daily News* reported that "Mr. Dyall will at once move into his new property, occupying the first floor." The article went on to state that Dyall would lengthen the building for gallery purposes (March 31, 1902, p. 4). On Nov 2, 1904, C.H. Dyall purchased the N 20'6" of Lot 6 from Inez Cole for \$2065, making him the owner of the entire building. In 1905, the *Free Press* moved into the north half on the first floor (*Mt Pleasant Daily News*, September 2, 1905, p. 3).

The 1909 Sanborn map shows a 1-story brick addition to the rear of the south half, with the usage marked as Photo. The front of the south half is marked Art Picture Framing, and the north half is labeled as Printing. In 1911, the College Pantatorium, which advertised cleaning, pressing, dying, and tailoring, moved "over C. H. Dyall's Studio" (*Mt Pleasant Daily News*, April 3, 1911, p. 3). Apparently at this time, Dr. H. J. Gilfillan, who had been over Dyall's studio, moved to the north side of the building, as his ads after this time give his location as "over Free Press office" (*Free Press*, February 9, 1911, p. 1). The 1911-12 City Directory lists C. Herbert Dyall, Photographers, 119 N Main. The College Pantatorium and H. J. Gilfillan, Physician, are both listed at 121 N Main, which likely simply indicated the second story, as newspaper ads locate the College Pantatorium over Dyall's Studio (119) and Dr. Gilfillan over the Free Press Office (121). The 1913 Phone Directory lists CH Dyall, Photography, at 119 N Main and Dr. J.L. Siver, Chiropractor, at 119½ N Main. The 1915 Phone directory lists C.H. Dyall, Photography, at 119 N Main. The address for the *Free Press* is given in the 1911-12 city directory under the heading Job Printing as 121 N Main and under the heading Newspapers as 123 N Main, which presumably is an error. The telephone directories from 1913 to 1921 list the Mt Pleasant Free Press at 122 N. Main, which likewise appears to be in error. The 1920 Sanborn map has the same footprint as the 1909 map. The usage on the south side is labeled at Photo Art Picture and the north side as Printing.

In the 1925 Phone Directory, C.H. Dyall is still at 119 S Main, but the *Free Press* has been replaced by WW Battery Service (Wittmer) at 121 N Main. C.H. Dyall is at 119 N Main in the 1925 and 1927 Phone Directories and the 1938 and 1941 City Directories. WW Battery Service (Wittmer) is listed at 121 N Main in the 1925, 1927, and 1937 Phone Directories. The 1941 City Directory also lists Wittmer Service at 121 N Main. The 1942 Sanborn map has the same footprint as the 1920 map. The usage is listed as Photo on the south side and Store on the north side.

Charles Dyall joined his father, C. Herbert Dyall, in the business in 1939 after graduating from Iowa Wesleyan ("Photographic Galleries in Mt. Pleasant's History," HCHS clippings, Mt Pleasant Public Library). Charles served in World War II from 1942 to 1946 as a photographic laboratory technician. During this period, the C. Herbert Dyall Studio moved to the 2nd story of the building. When he returned in 1946, he then took over Dyall's Studio from his father.

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In 1945, the Biggs Hatchery opened in the Dyall building (*Mt Pleasant News*, Aug 10, 1945, p. 7). An article in April 1953 notes that they rented the south half of the Dyall building when they established their plant in Mt Pleasant in 1945. The local hatchery was one of four operated by the Biggs brothers, with this one managed by Henry Biggs. New Jamesway electronically controlled equipment was installed in the Dyall building for brooding chicks. This local concern then hatched all of the most popular standard bred chickens. In 1950, they became a DeKalb Associated Hatchery, covering Des Moines, Henry, Jefferson, Lee, Louisa, Van Buren, and parts of Washington and Wapello counties. Wayne Feeds were also sold by the local firm ("Biggs Hatchery Shows Steady Growth Since 1945," *Mt Pleasant News*, April 15, 1953, 4). Biggs Hatchery shipped 100-150 cases of chicken weekly to the southeastern United States, including North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia (Jaynes 1976: 144).

The 1948 City Directory lists C. Herbert Dyall Studio on N Main (2nd story), Biggs Hatchery at 119 N Main, and Wittmer Service, providing battery service, auto accessories, and repairs, remains listed at 121 N Main. Biggs Hatchery is listed in the 1950 and 1952 Phone Directories at 119 N Main, moving to larger facilities on W. Washington around 1954. Wittmer Service is last listed at 121 N. Main in the 1950 city directory. The 1952 telephone directory then lists the C. Herbert Dyall Studio at 121 N. Main St, indicating that he has moved again into the first story of the north half of the building.. The 1955 and 1957 city directories list Dyall's Studio at 121 N. Main St. The 1955 city directory lists Smith Farm & Home Store at 119 N. Main St, selling furniture, flooring, paint, and hardware. In March 1957, the Nesbitt Electric Company leased space formerly occupied by Smith Furniture in the C.H. Dyall building, north of the Temple Theater. Formal opening was planned for April 1. The Nesbitt store operated for many years by O.L. Nesbitt was located on the half block east of the square since 1934. Miles Nesbitt recently became the owner. The interior would be remodeled for the appliance firm before they moved, and it would provide more space than their current location ("Nesbitt Firm Will Move," *Mt Pleasant News*, March 2, 1957, 1).

Herbert Dyall died in 1958, and the property was transferred to his descendants. On Oct 28, 1959, Lydia Lucile Wilmeth et. al. (descendants of CH Dyall) transferred the N 20'6" Lot 6 to Charles H. Dyall (Jr) for \$1 and transferred the S 20'6" of N 41' Lot 6 to Dorothy Dyall Coebergh for \$1. In the 1960 City Directory, Dyall's Studio is at 123 N Main, the address associated with the north side of the building where it had originally been located in 1895, and Nesbitt Electric Co. is on the south at 121 N Main. They remained listed here in 1962. On May 19, 1961, Dorothy Dyall Coebergh and Max J. Coebergh transferred the S 20'6" of N 41' Lot 6 to Charles H Dyall (Jr.), who now became owner of the whole building. Dyall's Studio remains listed at 123 N Main in the 1962, 1964, 1968, 1970, and 1972 city directories. Charles Dyall owned and operated the studio from 1946 until his retirement in 1980. During this period, he developed, printed, and hand oiled portraits until photography technology changed from black and white to color portraits. He specialized in large wall portraits and won awards at state and national competitions ("Charles H. Dyall," *Mt Pleasant News*, November 3, 2018).

The entire façade of the Dyall Building was remodeled in 1965. A photograph in the newspaper in March 1965 shows the work underway, including removal of the bay windows. Before and after photographs then appear in the newspaper in June 1965. It is noted as the home of Dyall's Studio, one of the oldest businesses in Mt Pleasant, and Thorp Loan office, one of the newest businesses in town. The photograph shows the loan office in the south half and Dyall's Studio in the north half. The studio was owned and operated by Charles and Marjorie Dyall ("Before and After," *Mt Pleasant News*, June 17, 1965, 1; "Open House at New Firm," *Mt Pleasant News*, April 29, 1965, 1).

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The following business were located at 121 N Main: 1964 City Directory – Vacant; 1968 and 1970 City Directories – Thorp Credit Union; 1972 and 1977 City Directories – Avco Financial Services; 1982 City Directory – American Family Insurance; 1984 City Directory – American Family Insurance, Byrum Realty, Byrum-Richard Auction; 1985 City Directory – Southeast Iowa Business Products; 1988 and 1993 City Directories – Lorber Insurance Agency; 1994 and 1997 City Directories – Shear Delight hair salon; 1998 and 2004 City Directories – Classic Cuts hair salon; 2007 City Directory – Hair Designers.

Dyall Photography is listed at 123 N. Main St in the 1977 directory. Charles Dyall's daughter, Hope Dyall, began working for him as a receptionist in 1974 and then as a photographer as well by 1978. In 1980, Charles Dyall retired, and the studio was continued by his daughter Hope Dyall. Dyall Photography remains listed at 123 N. Main St in the 1982, 1988, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1993, 1994, 1997, 1998, 2004, 2007, 2010, and 2011 City Directories. The property transferred to the Charles and Marjorie Dyall Trust in 1983, and then to David and Hope Dyall Scarff in 2006. A photograph from about 2007 shows Hair Designers on the south side and Dyall Studio on the north side. City directories after 2007 list "No Information" for 121 N Main St. Dyall Photography is last listed at 123 N. Main St in the 2011 city directory. Dyall Photography continues to be operated by Hope Dyall Scarff from her residence at 104 N. Highland Circle.

The City Directories list upper-story apartments at 121½ N. Main St from 1962-1997 and upper story apartments at 123½ N. Main St from 1960 through the 2020s.

Gloria and Luis Perez purchased both sides of the building from David and Hope Dyall Scarff on April 21, 2008, for \$224,000. Gloria and Luis Perez transferred the building on Dec 17, 2012 (N 20'6' of Lot 6 and the S 20'6' of the N 41' of Lot 6) to Miguel's Property II, LLC, with Gloria and Luis Perez as the contact for the LLC.

The building is currently vacant on the first story, with 123 ½ N. Main St remaining listed as apartments.

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Location map



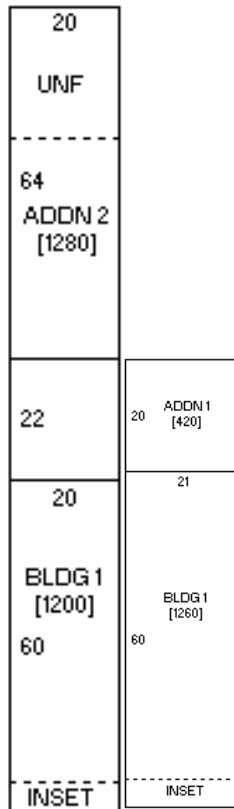
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Building footprint



Henry County Assessor (<https://beacon.schneidercorp.com>)

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Building around 1960 (HCHT Facebook album)

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The HAWK-EYE 3
Burlington, Iowa
Friday, March 26, 1965



MT. PLEASANT IMPROVEMENTS include remodeling, scheduled for completion in mid-April, of a building at 123 N. Main, owned by Charles Dyall. The front portion, to be faced in a colonial motif, will be occupied by a new business, the Thorp Finance Co., of Thorp, Wis. Dyall's photo studio will occupy enlarged quarters at the rear. The improvements are the first to the property since 1894, Mrs. Dyall reported.

Building at left in March 1965 (*Burlington Hawkeye*, March 26, 1965, 3)

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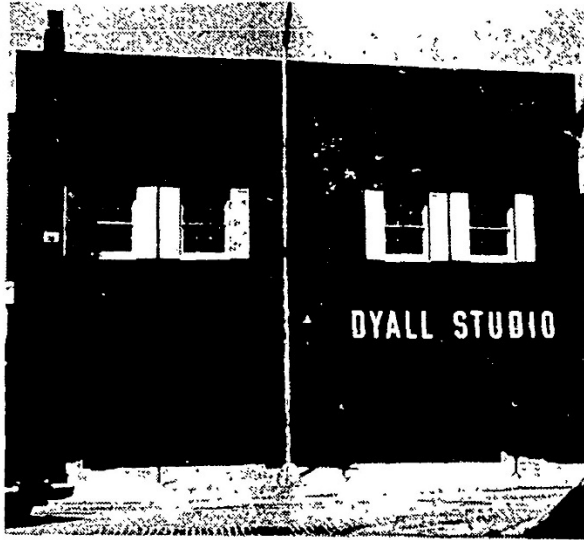
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Before



And After

A MAJOR IMPROVEMENT in the Mt. Pleasant business district is the new front on the Dyall building on North Main near the Presbyterian church. The building houses the Thorp Loan office and the Dyall Studio, the former being one of the newest firms in Mt. Pleasant and the latter, one of the oldest. The Thorp office was opened a few months ago. The Dyall studio has been in the family 71 years. While not always in this building, the building also is 71 years old. Charles and Marjorie Dyall now own and operate the studio.

Building after remodel in June 1965 (*Mt Pleasant News*, June 17, 1965, 1)

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Building in July 1965 after façade remodel (HCHT collection)

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1990 survey photograph (Naumann 1991)

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Digital photographs



Photograph 44-00251-001. East elevation, looking west (October 2023)

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Photograph 44-00251-002. West and south elevations, looking northeast (October 2023)

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Photograph 44-00251-003. West elevation, looking southeast (October 2023)